Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-27 (Cancelled).

28. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

a first cantilevered assembly and a second cantilevered assembly ~~with~~ each having an upstream leading edge and a downstream trailing edge, the first and second cantilevered assemblies being coupled to an actuator having a stack height; and

a flow control device comprising a blower assembly and a nozzle having an elongated outlet having a dimension substantially corresponding to the stack height which ~~provides~~ provide blowing pressure to the downstream trailing edge.

29. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein the flow control device further comprises a nozzle coupleable to the blower assembly to supply the blowing pressure proximate the downstream trailing edge.

Claim 30 (Cancelled).

31. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein the flow control device further comprises a flow sensor coupled to a controller to regulate the blowing pressure.

32. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising: ~~The apparatus of claim 28,~~

a cantilevered assembly with an upstream leading edge and a downstream trailing edge; ~~and~~

a flow control device comprising a blower assembly which provides blowing pressure to the downstream trailing edge, ~~further comprising~~

a fluidic dam downstream of the cantilevered assembly; and

a fluidic stripper upstream of the cantilevered assembly, ~~wherein~~ the flow control device further ~~comprises~~ comprising a nozzle coupled to the blower assembly positioned relative to a gap between the fluidic dam and the fluidic stripper.

33. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 28, further comprising a shroud proximate to a downstream region of the cantilevered ~~assembly~~ assemblies, wherein the ~~flow control device further comprises a~~ blower nozzle is coupled to the blower assembly to provide the blowing pressure through at least one passage in the shroud.

34. (Currently amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 28,~~ An apparatus comprising:

a cantilevered assembly with an upstream leading edge and a downstream trailing edge; and

a flow control device comprising a blower assembly which provides blowing pressure to the downstream trailing edge, and wherein the flow control device further comprises a vacuum assembly which provides suction pressure to the upstream leading edge.

35. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 34, wherein the flow control device provides the suction pressure through a passage in an air stripper.

36. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein each of the cantilevered ~~assembly~~ assemblies comprises a transducer configured to write data to a storage medium.

37. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 28, characterized as a multi-disc servo writer configured to write servo data to a plurality of rotatable discs.

38. (Previously presented) An apparatus comprising:

a cantilevered assembly with an upstream leading edge and a downstream trailing edge; and

a flow control device comprising a vacuum assembly which provides suction pressure solely to a region proximate the upstream leading edge.

39. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the flow control device provides the suction pressure through a passage in an air stripper.

40. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the flow control device further comprises a flow control device comprising a blower assembly which provides blowing pressure proximate to the downstream trailing edge.

41. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the flow control device further comprises a flow sensor coupled to a controller to regulate the suction pressure.

42. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the cantilevered assembly comprises a transducer configured to write data to a storage medium.

43. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 38, characterized as a multi-disc servo writer configured to write servo data to a plurality of rotatable discs.

44. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

establishing a fluidic flow path across a cantilevered assembly from an upstream leading edge to a downstream trailing edge thereof; ~~and~~

supplying blowing pressure from a blower assembly to the downstream trailing edge; and

supplying suction pressure from a vacuum assembly to the upstream leading edge.

45. (Previously presented) The method of claim 44, wherein the fluidic flow of the establishing step is generated by rotation of a disc adjacent the cantilevered assembly.

46. (Previously presented) The method of claim 45, further comprising a step of using the cantilevered assembly to write servo data to the disc during the establishing and supplying steps.

Claim 47 (Cancelled).

48. (Previously presented) A method comprising:

establishing a fluidic flow path across a cantilevered assembly from an upstream leading edge to a downstream trailing edge thereof; and

supplying suction pressure proximate to the upstream leading edge without providing said suction pressure proximate to the downstream trailing edge.

49. (Previously presented) The method of claim 48, wherein the fluidic flow of the establishing step is generated by rotation of a disc adjacent the cantilevered assembly.

50. (Previously presented) The method of claim 49, further comprising a step of using the cantilevered assembly to write data to the disc during the establishing and supplying steps.

51. (Previously presented) The method of claim 44, further comprising applying blowing pressure from a blower assembly to the downstream trailing edge during the establishing and supplying steps.